IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

WASHINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, et al., *Plaintiffs*, vs. STATE OF WASHINGTON, *Defendant*, and FEMALE ATHLETES UNITED, *Proposed Intervenor-Defendant*.	CASE NO. 26-2-36880-5 SEA DECLARATION OF SIERRA RETZLAFF IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED INTERVENOR-DEFENDANT FEMALE ATHLETES UNITED'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Sierra Retzlaff, declare as follows:

1. I am sixteen years old. I am fully competent to make this declaration.

2. I am a member of Female Athletes United ("FAU"). The reason I am an FAU member is simple. Girls deserve fairness and safety in competition, and privacy in the locker room.

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3. I am a student at Skyview High School in Vancouver, Washington. I am currently in tenth grade. My school is a member of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association ("WIAA").

4. I live in Vancouver, Washington and have lived here pretty much my whole life. My family moved from Oregon when my twin brother and I were 18 months old.

5. I started running track in elementary school. I have played soccer since I was even smaller. I run cross country and track for Skyview. I am also part of a run club and sometimes play rec soccer in the spring.

6. This cross-country season, my goal was to make it to State—which I did. In cross-country next year, my goal is to go to State and place in the top 50.

7. Girls deserve a level playing field. But when males compete, we are sidelined in our own sports. That happened to me this year.

8. I had to race against a biological male multiple times this season. The first time was September 15, 2026, at a cross-country meet against Camas High School held at UL Campus (a district building). I didn't run because a male was running on the Camas girls' team. I protested to show I was not okay with him running in the girls' race.

9. Before the meet, we had heard that a male who had run on the JV boys' team was going to be competing in the girls' race. He has records posted as a boy from the 2024 and 2025 seasons, as well as the first race of the 2026 season. *See* Athletic.net, https://www.athletic.net/athlete/23631759/cross-country/all. Then, under a separate profile, he appears as a girl. *See* Athletic.net, https://www.athletic.net/athlete/33206321/cross-country/all.

10. When I saw him for the first time, there was no mistaking that he was a male.

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11. I have a twin brother. We're the same age, but he's built so differently from me. He's bigger and stronger than me. There's such a big difference between a male and a female. A biological male is biologically different than a female, and that is an unfair advantage.

12. After our protest, the news media covered the event. I spoke to reporters multiple times about my experience. Here is an example: Ken Vance, *Skyview Girls Share the Reason for Their Decision Not to Compete Against Biological Male*, Clark County Today (Oct. 7, 2026), https://clarkcountytoday.com/story/skyview-girls-share-reason-their-decision-not-compete.

13. My dad brought a sign to the September 15 meet to protest allowing a male to compete in the girls' event. The staff at UL Campus told my dad he could not hold his sign. They later issued a notice forbidding him from coming onto the grounds.

14. Later in the season, I ran against the same male at Districts, on October 21. In past years, the district meet was always held at Lewisville Park, but this year it was moved because of the attention on this male runner. The district moved it to a place where people couldn't hold signs. My dad had been served with a trespassing notice for holding a sign at the first meet against Camas, so he could not attend to see me compete. It was very disappointing and discouraging that my dad could not come to support me as he usually does.

15. The male runner was also given special treatment at Districts. Due to "security," he had a bicycle escort that acted as a pacer for him.

16. I ran against the same male at Westside Classic, the regional meet, on October 31, and at the WIAA State XC Championship on November 7. At all three of these last races, this male stole spots from girls.

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17. The male runner is very tall. That's obvious when the male is on the starting line, and he's taller than his coach. He is not even considered fast for a male, but he's fast when being compared to girls. He finished 23rd at State in the girls' race, but he would have finished at the back had he been running with the boys. If you watch him run a race and come into the finish line, he does not appear spent. Meanwhile, we girls are giving it our all to beat him.

18. My teammate Charlie almost beat the male Camas runner at Regionals. She was trying so hard and lost to him by one second. He finished second in the District, so he took Charlie's podium spot and medal, and that meant another girl was pushed off the podium. And every girl placing behind him lost the spot she deserved.

19. I do not think it is right or fair to let a male compete in girls' races based on identifying as female. Males can naturally run faster than girls. If girls do not have separate teams, eventually all the top runners will be biological boys. Males have advantages that make them faster runners, even if girls train just as hard. On our cross-country team, the boys and girls train together. We push each other. But a boy running with the girls is not pushing himself.

20. Girls should not have to give up opportunities to males. This runner is a biological boy. I don't care what he wears to school during the day or if he identifies as a girl, but he can run with the other biological males.

21. If Initiative 638 takes effect, I will run track in the spring and cross country in the fall again.

22. Many girls on the Camas team quit because of the male runner. If Initiative 638 doesn't take effect, I might run for my club team instead of the school team next year. My club coach has already said that he will help me find the right college to run for. It is really devastating. I want to run for my high school and have

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this experience with my friends, but with males allowed to participate in girls' events, I won't have the chance at a fair competition.

23. Allowing males on the girls' team also means girls will not have privacy. I do not want to see a male's genitals in my locker room, restroom, or shower. If that happened, I would leave immediately and would not feel safe. So, if a male joined the girls' team at my school and the school let him, I definitely would not run for my school.

24. Verifying girls' sex as part of athletic clearance does not bother me. I can get an athletic physical from my regular doctor, who already knows I am female; they will not have to check every time.

25. I can't vote yet, so I publicly supported Initiative 638. Keeping girls' sports for females comes down to basic fairness. There is a reason they are separated in the first place. Knowing that there is a person you physically can't defeat on the starting line, as I did when I raced against the male Camas runner, is defeating before the race even begins. It is different when I run against the most talented girls. There is always a slight chance I will beat them if I hone all my skills, because we are all biologically the same.

26. Washington voters passed Initiative 638 by what looks like more than 10 percent. This is a huge victory that proves this isn't a partisan issue for Washington voters. Voters wanted to protect girls like me. We won the debate at the ballot box. Biology isn't a partisan issue.

27. It would break my heart if a court blocked Initiative 638. I have been fighting for it for the last few months, and it has been one of the hardest things I have ever done. I know it would hurt so many girls out there if a court blocked the Initiative.

28. These facts are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct. If called to testify, I could and would testify competently to these facts.

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I, Sierra Retzlaff, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 13th day of November, 2026, at Vancouver, Washington.

Sierra Retzlaff